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SUBJECT: ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO AFGHANISTAN
FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROJECT

1. ON APRIL 13, PRESIDENT OF ADB APPROVED A DOLS 97,200
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) GRANT TO AFGHANISTAN FOR
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROJECT. GOA HAS ASKED BANK TO ASSIST
IN ESTABLISHING SEVEN NEW PROVINCIAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
AND SIMULTANEOUSLY UPGRADE EXISTING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT AT KABUL. OBJECTIVES OF TA ARE TO ASSESS:
(I) THE TYPE OF TRADE COURSES TO BE OFFERED AT EACH SCHOOL
BASED ON LOCAL MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS; (II) THE MOST
APPROPRIATE ENROLLMENTS RELATED TO PROVINCIAL NEEDS;
(III) THE FORMULATION OF RELEVANT CURRICULA AND TEACHING
METHODS FOR COURSES; (IV) THE BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT
REQUIREMENTS OF EACH SCHOOL; (V) THE MOST APPROPRIATE
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ENROLLMENT FOR THE VOCATIONAL TEACHER EDUCATION (VTE)
PROGRAM; (VI) THE BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS
OF THE VTE PROGRAM; AND (VII) THE SUITABILITY OF THE
CURRENT VTE CURRICULUM. TOTAL COST OF TA IS ESTIMATED
AT DOLS 112,000.
2. THE PROJECT PROPOSAL TO BE PREPARED UNDER THE TA WILL
GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ASPECTS:

(I) THE SUITABILITY OF LOCATIONS FOR THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND CHOICE OF TRADE COURSES TO BE OFFERED WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE SKILLED MANPOWER NEEDS OF PROVINCIAL AREAS TO BE SERVED BY EACH SCHOOL AND POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE OUTPUT FROM EACH SCHOOL; (II) THE TYPE AND DESIGN OF BUILDINGS, INCLUDING DORMITORY, CANTEEN AND RECREATION FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR EACH SCHOOL; (III) THE CURRICULA AND TEACHING METHODS TO BE USED FOR THE VOCATIONAL COURSES; (IV) THE PROJECTED ENROLLMENT AND OUTPUT TARGETS FOR THE VARIOUS COURSES; (V) THE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH TRAINING PROGRAM; (VI) THE ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT AND ASSESSMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF EXPATRIATE CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION; (VII) THE PHASING OF THE BUILDING PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT EACH SCHOOL WILL BE ADEQUATELY STAFFED WITH TRAINED VOCATIONAL TEACHERS; (VIII) THE COUNTRY'S REQUIREMENT FOR IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE NUMBERS OF VOCATIONAL TEACHERS AND DETERMINATION OF THE TOTAL ENROLLMENT SIZE FOR VTE; (IX) THE TYPE AND DESIGN OF BUILDINGS REQUIRED FOR THE VTE PROGRAM; (X) THE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VTE PROGRAM; (XI) THE DETERMINATION OF CAPITAL AND RECURRENT OPERATING COST ESTIMATES FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT; (XII) RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINANCING THE RECURRENT COSTS INCLUDING AN ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT'S FEES OR OTHER CHARGES WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOULD BE LEVIED.

3. AFTER COMPLETION OF THE STUDY, FINANCING OF THE PROPOSED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROJECT COULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE BANK AND THE GOVERNMENT DURING 1978. AT THIS STAGE IT IS ESTIMATED THAT TOTAL INVESTMENT COSTS INVOLVED WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY DOLS 22 MILLION WITH APPROXIMATELY DOLS 11.6 MILLION BEING FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

4. THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE STUDY WILL REQUIRE THE SERVICES OF A TEAM OF CONSULTANTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN FORMULATION AND PREPARATION OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE CONSULTANT TEAM FOR THE PROPOSED STUDY WOULD COMPRISE:

(I) A CURRICULUM PLANNING AND EVALUATION EXPERT WITH TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AT THE CRAFT LEVEL IN EITHER AUTOMOTIVE, ELECTRICAL OR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TRADES; (II) AND (III) TWO VOCATIONAL CRAFT EXPERTS TO EVALUATE THE CURRICULUM, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRADES NOT COVERED BY THE CURRICULUM PLANNING AND EVALUATION EXPERT; (IV) A MANPOWER AND PLANNING EXPERT WITH SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE IN ANALYZING AND MAKING PROJECTIONS OF SKILLED MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS OF PROVINCIAL AREAS; AND (V) AN EDUCATIONAL ARCHITECT WITH SPECIALIZED

EXPERIENCE IN THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND COSTING OF
BUILDINGS AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES FOR VOCATIONAL
SCHOOLS.

5. OF THE ESTIMATED TOTAL OF 9.0 MAN-MONTHS OF CONSULTING
SERVICES WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT 6.5
MAN-MONTHS WILL BE SPENT BY THE CONSULTANTS IN THE FIELD
AND THE REMAINDER EITHER AT THE CONSULTANTS' HOME OFFICE
OR AT THE BANK'S HEADQUARTERS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE
CONSULTANTS' FINAL REPORT.

6. BANK EXPECTS TO SIGN TA AGREEMENT WITH GOA IN JUNE.

7. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE ADB DOC R39-78 POUCHED
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